



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

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The Honorable Board of Directors
Los Angeles County
Regional Park and Open Space District
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Los Angeles, California 90012

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Directors:

APPROVE THE ALTERNATIVE PLAN OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR ITS RANCHO SAN PEDRO COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT (SECOND AND FOURTH DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended action will allow the City of Los Angeles Housing Authority to transfer \$400,000 in Specified Funds allocated to the City of Los Angeles in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 from its terminated Pueblo Del Rio Recreation Facilities Expansion Project to its Rancho San Pedro Community Center Project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the Rancho San Pedro Community Center Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act because the project provides for refurbishment of existing facilities, installation of new, small structures and for the reasons stated herein and reasons reflected in the record of the project.
2. Approve the City of Los Angeles Housing Authority's alternative plan for expenditure, in the amount of \$400,000 in Specified Funds, allocated to the City of Los Angeles pursuant to Section 3, Subsection c, Paragraph FF, Subparagraph viii of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, transferring the funds from its terminated Pueblo Del Rio Recreation Facilities Expansion Project to its Rancho San Pedro Community Center Project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approval of the recommended alternative plan for expenditure for the Rancho San Pedro Community Center Project will allow the City of Los Angeles Housing Authority to transfer \$400,000 in Specified Funds, allocated to the City of Los Angeles in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (the 1996 Proposition), from its terminated Pueblo Del Rio Recreation Facilities Expansion Project in the Second Supervisorial District to its Rancho San Pedro Community Center Project in the Fourth Supervisorial District.

Section 3, Subsection c, Paragraph FF, Subparagraph viii of the 1996 Proposition allocated \$2,300,000 for the development, improvement, and/or rehabilitation of Housing Authority recreation facilities throughout the City of Los Angeles, including the San Fernando Valley. The Housing Authority submitted a grant application designating \$400,000 of the total for the Pueblo Del Rio Recreation Facilities Expansion Project at 1801 East 53rd Street, Los Angeles. The Project included the upgrading of the basketball court, social hall, exercise room, restrooms, kitchen, and computer laboratory. Because of the Recreation Facility's protected status as an historic resource, permits required to proceed with the project were not granted and no charges against the grant amount of \$400,000 have been incurred.

Section 3, Subsection c, Paragraph FF, Subparagraph viii of the 1996 Proposition also allocated \$1,900,000 to supplement the original Rancho San Pedro Community Center Project cost estimate of \$2,770,072. The Project consisted of the construction of a multipurpose center including sports and fitness facilities, meeting and class rooms, and childcare space. As with the Pueblo Del Rio Center, implementation of the Rancho San Pedro Community Center Project was held by the City's historical permitting process until recently when the City determined that the site was not an historical resource.

Neither of the two projects can be completed for the original grant amounts of \$400,000 and \$1,900,000 respectively, therefore the Housing Authority will terminate the Pueblo Del Rio Hondo Recreation Facilities Expansion Project and requests your Board's approval to transfer the \$400,000 from the terminated Project to the revised Rancho San Pedro Community Center Project. Due to the lengthy delay in starting this project, additional funding in the amount of \$870,072 in Housing Authority and Payment in lieu of Taxes funding allocated to the Rancho San Pedro Project is no longer available. Based on the revised scope of work, the revised cost of the Rancho San Pedro Community Center Project of \$2.3 million, will now be funded with the 1996 Specified funds allocated to the Housing Authority. The revised scope of work for the Rancho San Pedro Community Center Project includes refurbishment of an existing 1,280-square foot classroom and 200-square foot storage unit in the Head Start Building. Improvements will also include installation of a new play structure and safety surfacing, perimeter fencing, and accessible routes for this building. In addition, refurbishments will be made to the existing Social Hall Building, which will include modernizing the Social Hall, kitchen and bathrooms, and construction of a new computer learning center, food pantry, and offices.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goal of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) by providing enhanced recreational opportunities in the City of Los Angeles in the Fourth Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grant, in the amount of \$2.3 million, is budgeted in the Assessment Fund, HB4, of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Under the provisions of Section (5), Subsection (e), of the 1996 Proposition an alternative plan for expenditure must be submitted and approved to commit the funds allocated to specified projects between June 30, 2003, and June 30, 2004. As of July 1, 2004, uncommitted Specified Project funds are subject to allocation to other projects by the Board.

If your Board denies these requests, the grantee may request your approval to transfer the \$400,000 to a different project or relinquish claim to these grant funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

All projects funded by the Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) are required to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the project. The City of Los Angeles is the lead agency for the Rancho San Pedro Community Center Project.

The Rancho San Pedro Community Center Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The Project, which includes refurbishment of an existing 1,280-square foot classroom and 200-square foot storage unit and installation of a new play structure, safety surfacing, perimeter fencing, and accessible routes in the existing Head Start Building as well as the refurbishment of the kitchen, bathrooms and a new construction of a computer learning center, food pantry, and offices in the existing Social Hall Building is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets criteria set forth in Sections 15302(c) and 15303(e) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 2(e) and 3(b) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G because the proposed project consists of the refurbishment of existing structures and installation of small new structures.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

A Grant Project Agreement Amendment will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009 only if all applicable conditions of the grant have been met. The Project Agreement Amendment will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These recommended actions will have no impact on any other projects funded by the District but are required so that the Housing Authority may proceed with the Rancho San Pedro Community Center Project in the Fourth Supervisorial District, if all applicable conditions are met.

CONCLUSION

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects/Debt Management Division, and one to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney".

RUSS GUINEY

Director

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c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors